JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

Dinner Parties All the Rage in Capital Now

At this season there isn't a day which hasn't its list of formal dinner parties, dinners given by the diplomats for officials and by officials for the diplomats, at which long lists of important personages are asked to meet other equally important personages. And official receptions "all same like" the brilliant function given last evening at the Congressional Club, with the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall as the onor guests, are also in order.

There is, however, an undercurrent of entertaining of a less formal character, little dinner parties of a dozen guests or co, parties which don't get into the papers, and which provide the salt that gives life in Washington its savor. On such occasions when officials are included among the guests they are invited for personality and not for position. Usually each person present has something definite to contribute. Conversation is develeped to a fine art, and frequently a little music brings the evening to an agreeable close.

It is interesting to notice, by the way, how much more important a part music is playing in Washington's social life than ever before. Why, the list of musicales which have been given in the last few weeks or are to be given shortly is quite imposing. Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, for instance, ntertained very delightfully yesteray afternoon at the Washington b, her guests being asked to "hear little music and have a cup of tea." was very good music and excellent a, and the function was none the ss enjoyable because it was marked a certain degree of informality. an't Entertain Much

muse of War Work. Mrs. Rogers, you see, is not going for very formal entertaining this nter and is not able to keep up all the social duties of her position wife of Congressman Rogers of walter Reed Hospital and her time is very limited. The musicale which Colonel and

ances Alda-if I remember corctly—is to sing, will be rather more rmal in character, and so was the ternoon musicale which Mrs. Robert eCormick had a fortnight or so ago. lans Kindler, the youthful 'cellist, layed on this occasion and Mrs. Mcrmick had a notable company of Mrs. Marshall Field has had sev-

al dinner parties with music to folranks of amateurs, some of the Thursday night, significant because was of white satin, made without a train of the satin, made without a train of the satin, made without a train of the satin, made without a sating with a sating without a sating with a sating ard is another hostess who gives destitute musicales and she entertained when the state of the present mode, and the washington for several years and have a state of the present mode, and the washington for several years and have a state of the present mode, and the washington for several years and have a state of the present mode, and the washington for several years and have a state of the present mode.

last evening was the first imrtant function given there this sea-It was very dignified and enyable and brought to mind the re-



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MME. EDOUARD DE BILLY,

Wife of the Deputy High Commissioner of France to the United States, and one of the most interesting recent additions to the diplomatic set.

tensively for war work and giving a few close friends present. After-

only such parties as the weekly Fri- ward there was a small reception at

ception given at the club on St. fort Gheen, pretty daughter of Rear southward for a short wedding trip, timate, friendly sort of a function; my litany and to pray to be delivious timate, friendly sort of a function; my litany and to pray to be delivious trip. rs. Robert Thompson are to give at the most important of the club's day afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at the On the completion of their brief the convalescent boys from the

ever the ship is in port.

a house in N street, has her pretty lit-

tle nieces, Florence Judge, with her

for company. Miss Langmuir, of Cana-

da, is also staying with her, and last

sister, Mrs. James, of Baltimore, with

her for several days. This was just

about the time that Mr. and Mrs.

Brown were here, staying with Mr.

and Mrs. George T. Marye; and, of

course, there was a little flurry of en-

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Schoel-

kopf and Mrs. James were guests of

honor at a delightful dinner party

which Katherine Judge, who has been

with her sister, Mrs. Theodore Bald-

win, for the greater part of the win-

ter, gave at the Cafe Sovrani. No

Miss Judge is not related to Mrs

Schoelkopf nor to her niece, Florence

Judge, although the two families are

old friends, but th similarity of names

gave rise to considerable confusion

particularly as Florence Judge also

nad a dinner party that evening-

oung people's party-to which a

number of the debutantes were asked ndstmenj.. otbupcagb Hd . -nhrd

She took her guests to the "Eye.

ts correct designation—for which

including Mrs. Schoelkopf, also went

to the ball, but they arrived late, having gone to Mrs. Baldwin's apart-

ment in the Parkwood for a rubber

of bridge, between dinner and the

Miss Judge is in New York for a

visit of a week or ten days and then

other visit to Mrs. Baldwin. She has

they are loth to give it up; so what

has been staying with Mrs. Baldwin.

return to this country

tertaining for the popular visitors.

day afternoon teas and occasional in- Rauscher's. The Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, officiated, and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was unattended. Lieut. Comdr. Theodore Stark One of the most significant events and on more than one occasion of the week, to my mind, was Mrs. The men of the wedding party were has recruited her "talent" from Herbert Wadsworth's reception on service uniform. The bride's costume

it marked the resumption of her fa- train. ently at the Washington Club with Washington for several years and her drapery was edged with crystal Niece as Visitor. District of Columbia Chapter of the The decoletage was cut square. She Red Cross. But for several years be- wore at tulle veil, with a coronet fore she went away her Thursday wreath of orange biossoms, and had a evening receptions were among the slender string of pearls about her most delightful events of the mid- throat. She carried no flowers.

Wedding Music Played By String Quartet.

Home, Thursday evenings until Lent," and consequently her friends were A string quartet played the wedding privileged to drop in any Thursday music. The house was banked with or every Thursday as the spirit moved great masses of Cybodium ferns, and quantities of flowers, mostly white ways there was music, with dancing in one of the smaller drawing rooms, There Admiral and Mrs. Gheen stood Start the new year with better and it was all very jolly and infor- with the bride and bridegroom to greet mal. The reception last week "ran the guests, the bridal party receiving true to form" and indications are in the big ballroom. that "Mrs. Wadsworth's Thursdays" ing in the small ballroom. Mrs. will be as popular as ever this sea- Gheen wore a lovely gown of French blue satin and self-colored georgette embroidered in blue.

It's a poor week that doesn't boast Late in the afternoon Commander at least one important wedding, and this week the bride was Mary Mont- Bernhard and his bride slipped away MISS NANNIE MERRICK HAMILTON,

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hamilton, who made her formal debut at a tea early in January. She is a sister of the Misses Elizabeth and Louise Hamilton.

husband is at sea joining him when-throat; and it was a real inspiration

Commander Bernhard, who is the rampant among them and the keen

son of the late Rev. Joseph Bernhard enjoyment they got out of attending

ception given at the club on St. Valentine's Day, 1916, for the President and Mrs. Edward Hickman dent and Mrs. Wilson shortly after their marriage. The following winter their marriage. The following winter the Marshalls were the honor guests at the most important of the club's day afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at the home of Admiral and Mrs. Gheen in New Hampshire avenue and was service. There's Lieut Col. Atkinson, also a famous flyer, and Major Charles guests of the committee, some with some of the amoust of the dancers, and the finance is the fancy of the dancers, and the finance is the fancy of the dancers, and the finant mixth were finant mixth were finant and Mrs. Beard of the amoust of the fancy of the dancers, and the fancy of the dancers, and the finant mixth were finant and Mrs. Beard of the finant mixth were finant and the finant in the finance is an interesting and in the finant mixth were finant and the finant in the finant in the finant and mixth ered f Tuesday evening, when Mme. festivities, and last winter, if memory home of Admiral and Mrs. Gheen in honeymoon, Commander Bernhard Walter Reed Hospital, who were nees Alda—if I remember corserves, the organization cut out all New Hampshire avenue and was will rejoin his ship, the U. S. S. Kanguests of the committee, some with formal entertaining, going in very ex- quite simple, with only relatives and sas, and Mrs. Bernard will return to empty sleeves, others on crutches, Washington. She will make her many with decorations on their headquarters here as long as her breasts, brought a lump to one's

> and Mrs. Bernhard, of Lawrence, a party. Kan., was stationed in Washington Another Another inspiring thing was the

to us all to note the spirit of fun

man Clark, president of the hospital David Meade Lea—were the ranking of the season's most prominent debumembers of the official set present at the ball. It had been hoped that the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall Of Course, We'll All Go to would attend, but they couldn't, being | Southern Relief This Week. "danced out"-figuratively speaking-

to quote the Vice President himself. President Sends Cable Wishing Success.

Mrs. Wilson, headed the list of paronesses. I was told that a box was being put aside for Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. William H. Bolling, but Home, 2403 Pennsylvania avenue, and I didn't see her at the ball. As a matter of fact I haven't laid eyes on "Mrs. Bolling, Miss Bertha Bolling and Mr. John Randolph Bolling," thirteen years president of this sosince the President and Mrs. Wilson ciety, will head the receiving line and Throat Hospital, to give the function set sail for foreign shores; and I'm will be assisted by Mrs. Claude Swanbeginning to think that there must son, first vice president, and several be some truth in the laughing sag- of the Cabinet ladies. Among the bexgestion of a friend of mine that they holders will be Mme. Ureuta, Mrs. E.

It's probably a sign of age, and therefore, I hate to admit it, but I'm stock, Mrs. Thomas Logan, Mrs. beginning to feel sentimentally reminiscent about the parties of other days. In particular I sigh for the she'll probably come back for an. music of other days, music with melody and a lilt, which didn't need cew been rather hopeful of getting back bells, tin pans and Gatling guns to her own apartment at 1785 Massa- mark the rhythm. Present-day dance Lecture for Home. chusetts avenue, which is leased to music makes me squirm. It's all the Roy Raineys, of New York, but noise. I've been deafened by it at ture to be given by the famous Canasundry charity balls and my nerves time she has been in Washington she have been equally tried at private parties, where the musicians were the F. C., on Tuesday afternoon at the Colonel Baldwin is still in France and very best obtainable; so evidently it National Theater for the benefit of so far nothing has been said of his isn't fault of the orchestra, but of the the Working Boys' Home, not only

At any rate before ence the winter is over I expect to revise | For instance, theres' Lieut, Col. Wil-

diplomatic set.

stances the date of the amateur perdies-who, like Colonel Thaw, enterformances in aid of the British- ed the American air service by way American War Relief Fund has been of the Lafayette Escadrille. He made changed from February 19 to Wednes-day. February 26. The entertain-ment will be given in the ballroom of ment of flying before the National Geographic Society.

Lieut. John O. Donaldson, son of Mrs. Gaff's house at 1520 Twentieth street, as announced

Kan., was stationed in Washington two or three years ago—aboard the Mayflower, I believe—and met his bride during her first season out. She is the younger daughter of Admiral by Martin Richardson, tenor of the Another inspiring thing was the singing of the national anthems of Mayflower, I believe—and met his States by the assembled company, led by Martin Richardson, tenor of the Royal Opera Company, of Milan, ular and attractive girl.

Mrs. Walter Schoelkopf has

Mrs. Walter Schoelkopf, of Buffalo,

Mrs. Walter Schoelkopf,

Of the several charity balls on the alendar for February, the first, and perhaps the most important, is the The President and Mrs. Wilson ruary 3, at the Willard. This is the cabled from Paris to express their in- twenty-sixth annual charity ball to be terest in the entertainment and their given by the Southern Relief Society, Irwin, chief of naval aeronautics, and hope for its success, and the name of which was organized in 1891 for the Mrs. Wilson, who was actively con- relief of Southerners in destitute cir- William McClellan Ritter; and others nected with the management of the cumstances and which provides the who have taken boxes are Mrs. Richonly support for Confederate veterans, hospital for years before she became their wives and widows, in the District of Columbia.

The proceeds of the ball will be used to maintain the Southern Relief

Miss Nannie Randolph Heth, for must have been stowaways on the T. Stokesbury, Mrs. Robert M. Thompson, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Frederick V Abbott, Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp, Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, Mrs. Gibson Fahne-Charles Boughton Wood, Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Major William Eric Fowler, A. B. McLean and Mitchell Harrison.

because Colonel Bishop's talk an "Air It isn't that the musicians can't Fighting in Flanders" is sure to be play more melodiously, but that they illuminating, but because a baker's don't want to, that the dancers don't dozen of fliers are to be in the audi-

MME. SEIICHIRO YOKATA,

Wife of the second secretary of the Japanese embassy. She expects

to return to Japan before long and her going will leave a gap in the

So much interest has been aroused

ing off after the first few bars which been fixed at \$4. sence of her husband, Captain Schoel- usually marks such attempts at "conrapidly taking shape and rehearsals kopf, U. S. A., in France, occupying gregational singing" in this country. start this week. J. M. Barrie's one The Attorney General and Mrs. act play, "The Twelve Pound Look," is perhaps the piece de resistance. Leading parts will be taken by Mr. week she had Mrs. Alexander Brown's det, Mme. Barbier, Mrs. Watson Free and Mrs. Gordon Bell. This delightful playlet will be flanked by vaudeboard, and the vice president, Mrs. ville and a big number in which many

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ard Crane, 3d; Mrs. Alexan Mackay-Smith, Mrs. John Jal Rogers and Mrs. Paul Hudson Mrs. Hudson, by the way, is the mother of Lieut. Donald Hudson, the fifth American acc, who enlisted is Washington and whose chief claim to fame is that he brought down three Germra planes in ten minutes, a record actievement.

After the lecture Colonel Bishop will hold an informal reception on the stage for any one who cares to shake hands with this lad-he's still in his early twenties-the here of s hundred amazing adventures. The aviators in the audience will be especially presented to the lecturer by General Kenly.

Another interesting feature of the entertainment is the number of thes ter parties for convalescents from the various military hospitals and men from the camps near Washington which are being arranged. Edward L. Doheny, of California; Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, jr., Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mrs. Charles, Boughton Wood, Mrs. Cary Longhorne, Mrs. Walter Tuckerman, and Mrs. Richardson Clover are among those who have taken blocks of scats to be occupied

by soldier guests.
Colonel Bishop was in Washington a year or so ago for several weeks on special duty with the British Was Mission and at that time a great many people had opportunity to meet him. He had recently been married and had his bride with him. The boy is credited with having brought down over seventy Hun planes—think of it!—and wears the Military Cross, the D. S. O., and the V. C., as well as the ribon of the Legion of Honor.

Working Boys' Home An Appenling Charity. The Working Boys' Home is a par-

ticularly appealing charity, for b gives help to a group of youngsters who are struggling to help themselves. Mrs. Arthur Lee is president ing the arrangements for the benefit and to them must go much of the credit for the success of the ve

Susan, do you remember Mrs. Frank A. Abbott, of Buffalo? But of (Continued on Page 15.)

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Col. Goodloe Edgar and Col. Arthur Woods, some time police commis-sioner of New York and now person-

nel officer of the air service, will also

Mrs. Baker, wife of the Secretary of

War, will attend the lecture and will

be a guest in Mrs. Harold Walker's

box. Mrs. Walker also will entertain

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Commander Steele will be with Mrs.

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